schemes through mid-course corrections and better design of future programmes.

(d) The Planning Commission is making user of evaluation findings for assessment of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, improving performance through mid-course corrections and deciding their continuation in future.

Projection of GDP growth rate

1948. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 8 per cent growth in GDP-is being proposed during the Tenth Five Year plan period; and

(b) if so, in what manner the growth can be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Approach paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) approved by the National Development Council on 1st September, 2001, it is proposed that the Tenth Plan should aim at an indicative target of 8% per annum GDP growth for the period 2002-2007.

(b) The Tenth Plan has not yet been formulated.

Categorisation of States for financial assistance

1949. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for placing a State in the special category for grant of financial assistance and other help;

(b) whether a review of the criteria is in progress;

(c) if so, the details of the specific areas of concern highlighted by different States being reviewed; and

(d) the States presently placed in the Special Category and those which are under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Special

Category Status is given to those States which are predominantly of hilly terrain with large tribal population, located on sensitive international border areas, with underdeveloped socio-economic infrastructure, low revenue base & non-viable nature of State's finances and overall economic backwardness.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Special Category States comprise of Arunachal Padesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttranchal.

Golden Quadrilateral project

1950. SHRI BJ. PANDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of the Golden Quadrilateral portion of National Highway Development Project;

(b) what length is already under implementation as on 1st October 2001;

(c) the present status of award of the balance length under this project; and

(d) the total project cost of NHPD (National Highway Development Project) and how much out of that is cost of "Golden Quadrilateral" portion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) The total length of Golden Quadrilateral protion of National Highway Development Project (NHDP) is 5851 km.

(b) An aggregate length of 3803 km. is under implementation as on 1st October 2001.

(c) 705 km. of the balance length is scheduled to be awarded during 2001-2002 and 87 km. during 2002-2003.

(d) The total cost of NHDP at 1999 prices is Rs. 54,000